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SUBJECT: NAC ADDRESS OF MOROCCAN PRIMIN AHMED OSMAN

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1. WHILE AS USUAL THEGOM'S OPTIC WAS THE SAHARA ISSUE, THE THRUST OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S AUGUST 19 SPEECH TO THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WAS THAT INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES WOULD DESTROY COEXISTENCE -- THE BASIS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. STRONGLY ECHOING THE THEME OF YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO, OSMAN WARNED THAT CONFRONTING THE CONFERENCE WITH A MYRIAD OF BILATERAL CONFLICTS WOULD CREATE STERILE DISPUTES WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE AVOIDANCE OF A NECESSARY PROFOUND EXAMINATION OF THE GREATER PROBLEMS JOINTLY CONFRONTING MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF THE SAHARA, OSMAN PLEADED WITH HIS AUDIENCE TO PERMIT EXAMINATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE PROJECTED OAU EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT ON THE ISSUE, AS WELL AS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ARAB LEAGUE WHICH WOULD ENSURE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.

3. OSMAN MADE PERFUNCTORY MENTION OF THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THE MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN PARTITION OF THE SAHARA, AND MADE SCARCELY

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VEILED WARNINGS THAT TENSIONS ARISING FROM THE ATTEMPTED HEGEMONY

OF QUOTE ONE UNQUOTE POWER WOULD HAVE GRAVE REPERCUSSIONS NOT ONLY IN NORTH AFRICA, BUT THROUGHOUT THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD. OSMAN REFRAINED, HOWEVER, FROM DWELLING ON ALGERIAN QUOTE PROVOCATION UNQUOTE IN DETAIL.

4. THE REST OF THE SPEECH TOUCHED ON THE HISTORY OF NON-ALIGNMENT, THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND DETENTE, THE QUOTE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER UNQUOTE, AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. THE OVERALL TENOR OF THE SPEECH CAN BE DESCRIBED AS FIRM BUT NON-AGGRESSIVE IN TONE. WHILE MAKING CLEAR MOROCCAN DETERMINATION TO REMAIN IN THE SAHARA, THE PRIMIN SOUGHT TO DEMONSTRATE MOROCCO'S ROLE AS THAT OF THE RELUCTANT PARTICIPANT IN A SUDDENLY AIRED FAMILY SQUABBLE, WHEN MORE IMPORTANT THINGS SHOULD BE UNDER DISCUSSION.

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